

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 523

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clarence Raymond Robbins of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Clarence Raymond Robbins, a brave and dedicated military man and law enforcement officer who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Robbins was the son of James and Mary Robbins; and

WHEREAS, a United States Army Veteran of World War II, Mr. Robbins proudly served his country from 1945 to 1947 as a paratrooper in the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions and was a recipient of the World War II Victory Medal; one of the highlights of his military career was working at Lockheed Corporation in Cape Canaveral, Florida, where he was in charge of the security of the spacecraft that carried Neil Armstrong to and from the moon on the Apollo 11 Mission in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Robbins served in law enforcement for many years as Chief Deputy Sheriff for both Anderson County and Roane County; he also served as the Lead Homicide Detective and Criminal Investigator for the Ninth Judicial District Attorney General's office, retiring in 1993. He continued to serve his community as the Roane County coroner for many years after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins was a member of Middle Creek Baptist Church; he was also a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree master mason and a member of the Scottish Rite; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Robbins enjoyed gardening, fishing, carpentry, riding his ATV/golf cart, playing cards, and sitting on the front porch with his wife and the love of his life, Hilda Robbins, with whom he was joined in holy matrimony on June 12, 1948; and

WHEREAS, above all, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed spending time with his family more than anything else in life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Steve (Cynthia) Robbins and Kathy (Ralph) Sheffield; grandchildren, Mark (Channon) Robbins, Shannon (Renee) Robbins, Wesley (Emily) Jones, Megan (Chad) Broschious, Andrew (Katie) Sheffield, and Nicole Sheffield; great-grandchildren, Blake, Casey, Riley, Averie, Lily, Emberly, Channing, Adelyn, Molly, Charlotte, and Tyler; and brother, Bob (Faye) Robbins; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his sisters-in-law, Nellie Wilson and Margaret Robbins; his brother-in-law, Wallace (Linda) Chadwick; and many other special relatives, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Robbins; siblings, Joe (Verda) Robbins, Thelma Davis, JC (Helen) Robbins, and Hubert Robbins; brothers-in law, Mitchell (Marjorie) Chadwick, Charlie (Nancy) Chadwick, and Henry Wilson; and sister-in-law, Eloise (Ray) Patterson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory and celebrate the life of Clarence Raymond Robbins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Robbins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.